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**Request  
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Continued Examination (RCE)  
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Application Number	09/846,994
Filing Date	5/01/2001
First Named Inventor	Richard E. Hunter
Art Unit	3752
Examiner Name	Davis Hwu
Attorney Docket Number	95-194

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**1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114**

- a. ☒ Previously submitted
- i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on 4102103  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Rely Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. ☒ Other Copy of Supplemental Amendment filed in the USPTO on 4102103 transmitted herewith
- b. ☐ Enclosed
- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Fees**

- The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.  
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- a. ☒ Deposit Account No. 50 0626
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) \$ 750.00
- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17) \$ 110.00
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
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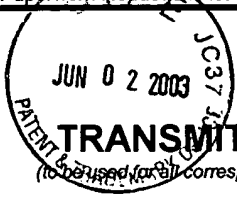
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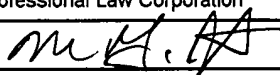
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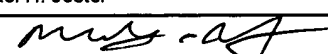
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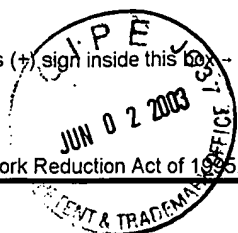
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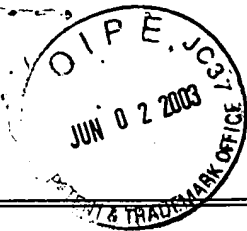
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